

be filled in a timely manner with well-qualified candidates.

**Sec. 2. Plan.** The presidential plan announced on October 30, 2002, calls for timely consideration of judicial nominees, with the President submitting a nomination to fill a vacancy in United States courts of appeals and district courts within 180 days after the President receives notice of a vacancy or intended retirement, absent extraordinary circumstances.

**Sec. 3. Responsibilities.** The Counsel to the President shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the President is in a position to make timely nominations for judicial vacancies consistent with this plan. All Federal departments and agencies shall assist, as requested and permitted by law, in the implementation of this order.

**Sec. 4. Reservation of Authority.** Nothing in this order shall be construed to affect the authority of the President to fill vacancies under clause 3 of section 2 of article II of the Constitution.

**Sec. 5. Judicial Review.** This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
May 9, 2003.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 13.

### **Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Supplemental Budget Requests**

*May 9, 2003*

*Dear Mr. Speaker:*

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed amendments to the Administration's FY 2004 budget submission for the Depart-

ments of Agriculture, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Justice, Labor, and Transportation; the Office of Personnel Management; and the Farm Credit Administration. I also ask the Congress to consider the enclosed proposals for the Department of the Interior and the Social Security Administration.

This transmittal also contains FY 2004 budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. Appropriations requests of the Legislative Branch are historically transmitted without change.

Further, in accordance with provisions of Public Law 108-11, the FY 2003 Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, I hereby request and make available \$280.0 million for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security. Consistent with the Act, TSA would utilize these resources solely for expenses incurred to hire, train, and deploy initial passenger screeners.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **May 3**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia.

#### **May 5**

In the morning, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR. While en route aboard Air